

In addition to lode mining claims, placer mining claims, and mill sites, tunnel site locations are provided for in the General Mining Law of 1872. Here's what Section 4 of that act indicates about tunnel sites. Where a tunnel is run for the development of a vein or lode, or for the discovery of mines, the owners of such tunnels shall have the right of possession of all veins or lodes within three thousand feet from the face of such tunnel, on the line thereof, not previously known to exist. Discovered in such tunnel to the same extent as if discovered from the surface, and locations on the line of such tunnel of veins or lodes not appearing on the surface, bade by other parties after the commencement of the tunnel, and while the same is being prosecuted with reasonable diligence shall be invalid. But failure to prosecute the work on a tunnel for six months shall be considered as an abandonment of the right to all undiscovered veins on the line of such tunnel.